



Choctaw Nation Support for Pregnant and Parenting Teens

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The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma serves 99,371 Native Americans residing within 10 1/2 counties in southeastern Oklahoma. The 11,200 square mile area is larger than Delaware, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and District of Columbia combined.



	State Rates	CN Rates
Economic Indicators¹		
Median Household Income	\$43,225	\$32,732
Child Poverty	23%	28%
Educational Indicators²		
% 3rd Graders in Rem. Reading	34%	38%
Adult Literacy ≤ Level 2	12%	37%
Adults with less than 12th grade	19%	30%
Health Indicators³		
% Low Birth weight	7%	11.5%
Confirmed Abuse/Neglect Rate	14.5%	21.8%
Infant Mortality per 1,000 live births	7.8%	10.5%
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 females	63.6	72.6

Reference: ¹ US Census 2011, ² Oklahoma Literacy Resource Office, ³ Oklahoma State Health Department, 2009.

Program Eligibility:

- ◇ Child must be Native American
- ◇ Mothers (Dads) 21 years of age or younger
- ◇ Pregnant or have a child under 1 year of age
- ◇ Lives within the Choctaw Nation area
- ◇ Willing to pursue an educational goal

Participants Receive:

- ◇ Parents as Teachers
 - ◆ Child Development Education
 - ◆ Parent-Child Interaction
 - ◆ Family Well Being
- ◇ InJoy Video Series
- ◇ Child Immunization Review
- ◇ Home Safety Assessment
- ◇ Monthly Group Meeting for Mothers & Fathers
- ◇ Ages & Stages Development Screening
- ◇ Edinburgh Post-Natal Depression Screening
- ◇ Life Skills Progression Assessment



The HV Specialists gather information about each identifiable need. To further understand the needs of the pregnant and parenting teens served, referrals are tracked. Choctaw Nation service departments have agreed to become “referral agencies” for the target population. Each department is an active partner and member of the Advisory Board.

This Table presents the percentage of clients referred, receiving contact information, average number of times discussed with client, and the percentage of clients receiving services from a referral agency.

Service Needs of Clients	
Percentage of Identified Needs	74%
Clients Referred	100%
Clients that Received Contact Information	16%
Average Number of Discussions per Need	2.2
Clients Receiving Services	75%

The Table below reflects the number and type of referrals, the average number of times each referral was discussed, and the rate of receipt of services.

Client Identified Service Needs by Category			
	# of Referrals	Average # of Discussions	% Receiving Services
Health Insurance	10	1.6	90%
Housing	33	2.4	73%
Prenatal Care	7	1.4	100%
Child Care	6	1.5	50%
Food	40	2.4	93%
Counseling	6	1.7	50%
Education	44	2.8	64%
Employment	19	1.8	68%
Medical Services	33	2.2	94%
Transportation	19	1.5	84%
Other	23	2.7	61%

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98% of participants progressed in investigating, participating in, or attaining services, as evidenced by changes in the LSP scores.

Life Skills Progression	
Clients Completing at Least 2 LSP Assessments	59
Clients Completing at Least 3 LSP Assessments	19
Clients Completing at Least 4 LSP Assessments	03
Clients with at Least 1 Area of Increase	58

Program results between clients first and last LSP assessment evidence an increase ≥ 1.

Clients Increasing Scores	
Clients with 1-4 Increasing Areas	11
Clients with 5-9 Increasing Areas	28
Clients with 10+ Increasing Areas	19